

Hus Happenings

October 2007

24-7-365

God's presence in Christians' lives can be summed up in these numbers: 24-7-365. It's not a very complex code to crack. The God revealed through Christ's sacrifice is a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year God. No timeouts, no halftime breaks. God is present for us and with us every moment of every day of our lives.

God can be a 24-7-365 God because Jesus was a one-time Savior. Jesus' sacrifice was once and for all. It doesn't need to be endlessly repeated.

Praise God that His Son's one act of complete obedience gives us true peace of mind 24-7-365!

Areon Flutes



Joe and Esther Cervený's granddaughter, Tamara Maddaford, performed with her group Areon Flutes at Carnegie Hall on Sept. 29th in the Weill Recital Hall. Information about the group can be found at: www.areonflutes.com

PULPIT FILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 7** Pastor Mel Ramos
- 14** Pastor Bill Harnish
- 21** Pastor George Bishop
- 28** Judy McLaskey

October Birthdays

- 1st Sarah Wilson
- 6th Carl Studt
- 6th David Zahradnik
- 6th Danilo Schulz
- 8th Marj Nejd
- 9th Bill Rawson
- 14th Evelyn Studt
- 14th Mason Erger
- 15th Joanne Hebert
- 19th Malcolm Klopp
- 20th Vince Theiss
- 24th Wendy Barton
- 25th Scott Ransom
- 27th Chelsey McDill
- 28th Wendy Rasmussen



October Anniversaries

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| 2 nd | Steve & Lois Synder | 8 years |
| 6 th | Don & Karla Novak | 39 years |
| 13 th | Malcolm & Margaret Klopp | 48 years |
| 21 st | Mike & Lori Cranston | 12 years |

Attention members of Hus!!

There will be a meeting of all board members and leaders of the church on October 30th at 7:00 PM in the theatre room downstairs.

Everyone is invited to join us! Call the office if you have any questions.

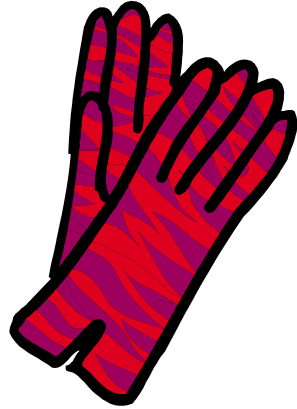
Transportation provided by the Deacons

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.

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Website: www.huschurch.org

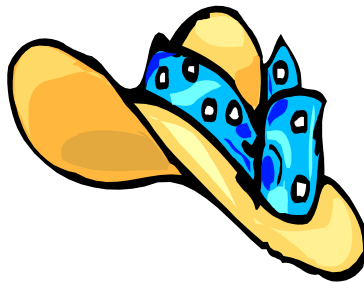
Rummage, Craft and Bake Sale

October 4th - 5th



Thursday, October 4th : 8 AM – 4:30 PM

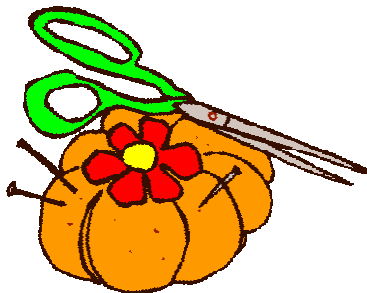
Friday, October 5th : 8 AM – 2 PM



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**Good, Clean Merchandise
Craft and Bake Sale items too**



From the Pastor's Desk



Are the Sheep Flourishing?

The focus of leadership should be on the ones being served.

by Stephen A. Macchia

The fine art of leadership is something to be learned over time, and its effectiveness is measured by one's followers. The focus of leadership is on those being served rather than the one leading. Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep," (John 10:14,15).

The concept of shepherding is a fabulous metaphor for Christian leadership. Michael Youssef in his wonderful book *The Leadership Style of Jesus*, answers the question, "What makes a good shepherd?" from Jesus' perspective:

"For the shepherd, the reward comes in seeing that his sheep are contented, well fed, safe, and flourishing (my emphasis). His energies are spent not just to make a reputation for himself, but rather to supply the sheep with the finest grazing in the lushest pasture, to store winter feed, to find clear water. Good shepherds spare no effort in providing a shelter from the storm. They constantly watch for ruthless enemies, diseases, and parasites to which sheep are so susceptible. From dawn to dusk these good shepherds selflessly dedicate their days to the welfare of their woolly followers. They do not even rest during the night; they sleep with one eye and both ears open, ready to leap and protect their own at the slightest sound of trouble."

The signs of outstanding leadership appear primarily among the followers. What do followers of a loving shepherd look like as a result of their ministry relationship? Are they reaching their full potential, learning and serving out of their giftedness? Are they achieving desired results from their ministry efforts and are they willing to change with grace? Are they learning how to manage conflict among fellow team members and prioritizing the health of relationships? In other words, are the sheep flourishing?

In order for the sheep to flourish, we who are called to shepherd them need to consider ways of leading the sheep that are worthy of a following. The biblical constructs for shepherding leadership are defined by the example of Jesus. He led his disciples as the Good Shepherd. The disciples knew his voice, as it was distinguished so dramatically from the voice of the enemy. They responded to his loving leadership in their behalf. They benefited from time together and were transformed by his teaching. They were continuously led into new paths of discipleship and were challenged to trust him with their whole heart.

What will it take for you to become a leader who shepherds the flock of God entrusted to your care? Let me be so bold as to make a few suggestions:

Be sure you are praying regularly for those you are called to lead. Don't merely give a nod of ascent to this idea, practice it daily!

Be generous with your affirmation and appreciation of those who are a part of your team. Do this with words and with action; be creative in expressing heartfelt thanks this coming week!

Be available to assist each of your woolly followers in their ongoing growth and development. Don't merely invite them on to the team and then abandon them in their service—become alert to the training and resources needed for their area of service, ask them what they need and do everything possible to meet their needs!

Be aware of who on the team could step into your shoes at a moment's notice and begin today in considering your legacy. Don't assume you will be in your place of leadership forever—in fact, consider prayerfully how you can give your role away to the next generation of leaders!

The greatest gift you can give as a shepherd is love. When followers know that their leader loves them with sincerity of heart, both the leader and the team will flourish together. Left on their own, they will follow after the temptations of this world that will lure them off the pathway to spiritual vitality. Leaders, for Jesus' sake, eagerly shepherd the flock under your care with grace, joy, kindness and love. This is what the world of ministry needs most from you today.

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Hi All,

In less than a month nearly 1000 volunteers from 38 churches and ministries will be taking part in Operation Serve 2007. What is Operation Serve? Glad you asked. This event is part of Serve the Cities "three-year initiative, an adventure focused on reaching the lost of this community with the gospel of Christ."

In February 2006 we launched Prayer, Care, Share at Hus Church by going to the wall to pray for people that we know that do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Since then we have been praying for that God would open these people up to here the Good News of Jesus Christ. The weekly average attendance of the churches and ministries that are part of Serve the City is just over 10,000. That means that if

everyone is praying for just three people that over 30,000 people who do not know the Lord are being prayed for. That is about 1/6th of the population of Linn County.

"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16 The Message)

As followers of Jesus we need to be God's light in this sometimes-dark world. Operation Serve is part of that. Through Operation Serve we are going to simply serve our community. How? By serving the schools systems in the area, by holding a blood drive, and with a food collection and distribution.

Help us as we rake leaves, clean weeds and grass from fence lines, cut down small trees, take on some landscaping projects, and other tasks as the schools need:

Cedar Rapids Community Schools: Harding, Garfield, Grant Wood, Johnson, Kingston Stadium, McKinley, Roosevelt, Washington, Wilson, and the Bus Barn

College Community Schools: Prairie High School

Linn-Mar Community Schools: Bowman Woods Elementary, Novak Elementary, Linn-Mar High School, Educational Services Center, Wilkins Elementary, and Indian Creek Elementary

Marion Independent Schools: Administrative Offices, Marion High School, Francis Marion Intermediate, Starry Elementary, Vernon Middle, and the football field.

In addition to serving the schools there will be a blood drive at St. Mark's Lutheran Church that is being done in partnership with The Mississippi Valley Blood Center (MVBC). The MVBC serves 50 hospitals in Eastern Iowa, including Mercy Cedar Rapids, Mercy Iowa City, and the VA Hospital in Iowa City. They also supplement for St. Luke's Cedar Rapids and they provide about 10,000 units of blood to the University of Iowa Hospital.

Also there will be teams of people helping package food for Kids Against Hunger at 1st Lutheran Church Cedar Rapids. The goal is to package 8,000 meals to send overseas. There will also be a canned food drive to help fill the shelves of local food pantries.

More information will be coming in the next week to 10 days so watch out for it and see how you can be a light to Cedar Rapids by volunteering some of your time.

Because of Him ~ Terry

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV)

Upcoming Meetings - October

- Join us on October 3rd for "Rudy". Get to the youth room early for a seat, as we will start at 5:15 PM with prayer, pizza, pop, and the movie. Please bring \$3 to help cover cost of the pizza and pop.
- On the 10th, 17th, and 24th we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM. On the 31st we will meet from 5:30 - 8 PM to hand out candy for Halloween. Appropriate costumes are encouraged.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

October

4 th	89.1 Family Skate at Super Skate on Northland Ave. NE from 6:30 - 8:30 PM
8 th	Columbus Day
13 th	2007 HRL Race #9. Registration at 9:30 AM. Racing at 10 AM.
20 th	Operation Serve
23 rd	Youth Ministry Parents Meeting, 8 PM at the Coffee Talk Café.
26 th -28 th	Fall Retreat at Camp Wyoming
31 st	Halloween - join us from 5:30 - 8 PM as we hand out candy to the neighborhood.

Fellowship Activity: To Be Announced

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

Every Wednesday: Day and time for the Marion Bible Study to be announced soon!

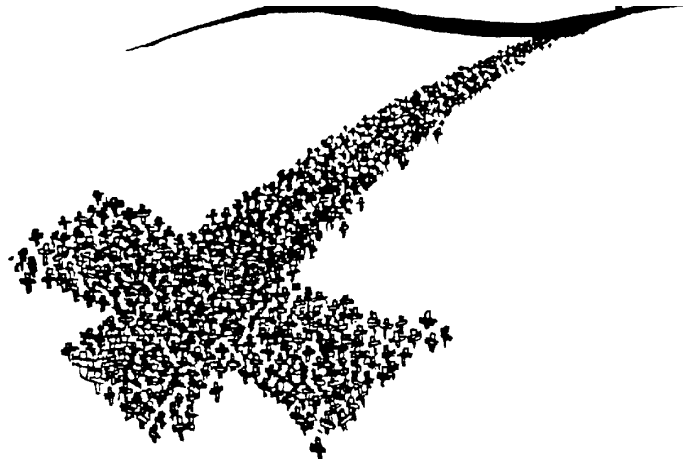
Every Friday: Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School, Room 162 beginning at 7 AM. For more information contact Bob Dye at 393-7996 or email him at bob@eiayfc.com.

Times subject to change.

A Moment With God

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
not so much to be understood as to understand,
not so much to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.*

- St. Francis of Assisi



"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV)



“Serve Christ” by “Serving the City”

A lifestyle, not an event; a culture, not a program – a way of being His Church

The name comes from Jeremiah 29:7

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile and pray to the Lord on its behalf for in its welfare you will have welfare.”

We are in our initial three year pilot of seeking to pray for every man, woman and child (by name) of the 201,000 that are our neighbors in Linn County. We are asking God for practical ways to care for them and to be available to sensitive share the good news of Jesus Christ with each one.

Operation Serve

When: This will feature a major thrust of serving/caring on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Some of the activities might begin prior to October 20th but will have a targeted ending time the 20th.

What:

1. Serving our school systems in the area.
2. A blood drive
3. A food collection and distribution – Kids Against Hunger

Specifically – which school systems?

The Cedar Rapids Community School system – to date.

We are serving the Cedar Rapids Community School system at:

Maintenance: Kingston Stadium and the Bus Barn,

Elementary: Garfield, Grant, and Johnson

Middle Schools: Harding, McKinley, Roosevelt and Wilson

High School: Washington...

The College Community School system: Jobs under consideration – may happen in 2008.

The Linn-Mar Community School system:

We are serving the Linn-Mar Community Schools at Bowman Woods Elem. Novak Elem. The High School, Ed. Services Ctr., Wilkins and Indian Creek Elementary.

The Marion Community School system:

We are serving the Marion Independent Schools at the High School & Admin offices, Francis Marion Intermediate, Starry Elementary, Vernon Middle School and the football field.

Note: We are in the process of consideration concerning additional locations.

Parents in two other schools systems have asked us to consider their schools as well.

How might we be serving?

1. We are raking leaves and cleaning weeds and grass from the fence lines.
2. We are cutting down small trees
3. We will have some landscaping jobs at some locations.
4. At Kingston Stadium we will be doing a major landscaping job.

How many people could be involved?

We estimate at least 750 to 1,000 will be needed to do all the jobs that are possible. At the present time we have need for 210 volunteers for The CR School system alone. The job list is growing.

How do we sign up?

1. Each participating congregation will have a volunteer sign up location.
2. The goal is to have each team be a mixture of 3 or more congregations.
 - a. This will fulfill the mission of STC; “to visibly demonstrate the love of Christ to the Greater Cedar Rapids area.
 - b. We will rub shoulders with other Christians, some of whom we have never met.
3. The signup will begin in late August or early September.

What about the blood drive?

Who are we working with? Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (a 501 C 3)

When would this be held? Saturday, October 20th from 8 a.m. to noon.

Where? St. Mark’s Faith and Life Center at 8300 “C” Avenue N. E. (*This is new information!*)

Where will the blood end up?

1. They provide for 50 hospitals in eastern Iowa
2. They provide all blood for Mercy CR, Mercy in IC and for VA in IC
3. They are a supplement for St. Luke’s in CR.
4. 10,000 units a year to patients at U of I
5. They only charge a processing fee and are licensed by the FDA.
6. What’s a good blood drive? At least 20 donors.
7. Largest drive is DeWitt HS with over 250 on a day.
8. Last year: 120,000 donors or 2,308 per week.
9. Find more information at www.bloodcenter.org

What needs to be provided by the host team?

- Team to sign donors up beginning Sunday, September 23rd.
- Cookies and juice for those donating blood.
- Tables and chairs

“Kids Against Hunger”

Where will this be held? First Lutheran at 1000 3rd Avenue S. E. on October 20th also!

Time - one hour sections: 9 to 10, 10 to 11, 11 to noon.

9 teams of 12 are being recruited to assemble 2,000 meals each hour.

What is the cost? Each team member is asked to raise \$ 42.00 (\$500 per team) which will pay for the food ingredients AND for the freight to send it overseas.

What is “Kids Against Hunger?” For basic information: www.kidsagainsthungeria.com
An International NPO that is a volunteer driven effort to feed the hungry of the world.

How is this paid for?

Donations from those involved or what is raised after individuals experience this effort.

What people are needed?

One team of 12 per packaging table. 12 people in one hour will package approx 2,000 meals or 334 bags.

How much will this cost?

\$ 500/hour per team which translates to 25 cents/meal with 6 meals/bag which is \$1.50 per bag.
Total cost for 6 hours with one team per hour: \$ 3,000.00

Where will the teams come from? Opportunities for the various STC partners.

Where does the food go?

We are looking at sending a percentage overseas and making the rest available for local food distribution.

Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School is from
10:45am-11:30am each Sunday

**KIDS AGES 3-5TH
GRADE WILL MEET
IN THE SCRIPTURE
SAFARI ROOM.
FROM THERE,
WE'LL DIRECT THE
KIDS TO THEIR
STATION FOR THE
DAY.**

In rotational
Sunday School
this fall, we will
be studying the
life of Moses!

The Stations:

Imagination Island:
Creative Art

Bible Broadway:
Drama

Movies on the Mount:
Video

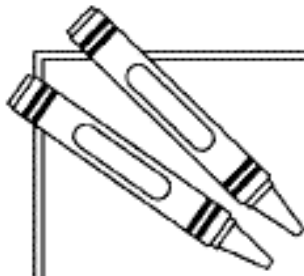
SCRIPTURE
SAFARI:
Bible Exploration

Polar PC:
Computers

THERE'S A NEW
CLASS THIS YEAR
FOR MIDDLE
SCHOOL KIDS!
THEY HAVE THEIR
OWN ROOM AND
CINDY WILL BE
THEIR TEACHER!

Youth in
High School
will meet in the
Youth Room
for
Sunday School
with Marcia,
Terry and Diane.

**Adults meet in the upstairs Adult Sunday School Room for
class with Judy! Come join in the discussion. Anyone is
welcome.**



Just for **KIDS**

THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

..... **B J K Q X Z**

Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O
X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B
T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y
J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T
O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT _____

_____, _____

_____."

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."



Hands That Give

There are many ways you can give to others. All you have to do is lend a hand!

What you need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Yarn or heavy string
- Clothespins or paper clips

What you do:

1. With your parents' help, think of seven (or more) things that you can do for seven (or more) people. For example, you could clean out closets and donate the items to charity, help a neighbor bring in her trash, and so on.
2. Trace your hand on the paper seven times. Cut out each hand.
3. On one side of each hand, write a person's name. On the other side, write how you will help him or her.
4. Cut a long piece of yarn (or heavy string) and hang it in your room — like a clothesline.
5. Use the clothespins or paper clips to hang each hand on the "clothesline."
6. When you've completed each act of service, take the hand off, but keep it to use another time.
7. Do this activity over and over again by "giving a hand" to someone.

